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Applicant: Niro INABA et al. Conf.: 8818
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PROTEINS

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 2, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement dated June 17, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added.

Restriction Requirement

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of the following two groups of claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121.